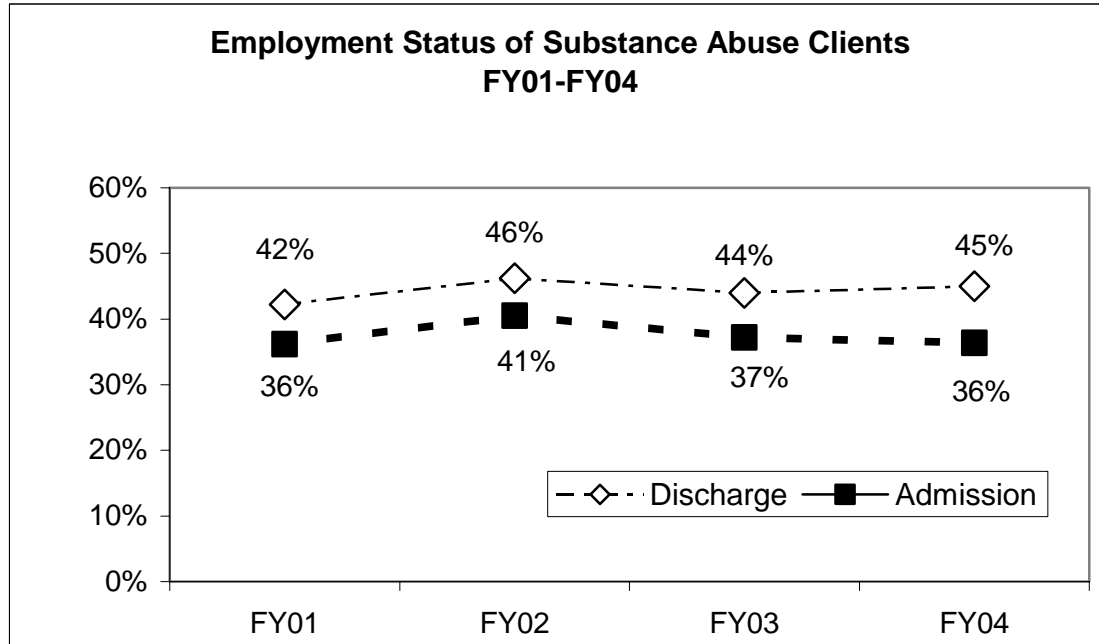


CLIENTS EMPLOYED AT DISCHARGE

Source: Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health



Definition: Each client's employment status is evaluated upon admission into substance abuse treatment. They are classified as either being employed full-time, employed part-time, unemployed, or not in the labor force (e.g., student, retired, etc.). Beginning in FY00, the Division began to track the employment status of clients as they leave treatment in order to evaluate the effectiveness of treatment in assisting clients to find and maintain employment.

Analysis: The employment status of a patient struggling with a substance abuse or dependence problem is a key ingredient to a successful recovery. The statistics collected by the

Division indicates that in FY04, 45% of clients were employed at discharge. The number of clients who were employed increased by over 8 percentage points from admission to discharge. These improvements are similar to those experienced in previous years.

Future Actions: Treatment providers are making greater efforts to work with other agencies and organizations in their communities to help more clients either find and maintain regular employment or receive the education/training they need to enter the labor force.